

Fintry Kirk Resilience and Community Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC053526

Details

Known as	Fintry Kirk Trust
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2024-07-23
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the saving of lives', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: Fintry Kirk Resilience and Community Trust (FKR&CT) is a Scottish charity established to secure, adapt, and activate Fintry Kirk and the Session House for public benefit. Its purpose is to transform the Kirk into a multi-use, community-owned facility that strengthens resilience, wellbeing, and cultural life. It does this by: • Serving as a Resilience Hub for emergency shelter, training, and coordination. • Providing an inclusive space for social connection, wellbeing activities, and life events. • Hosting cultural and heritage programming, preserving the Kirk's historic character. • Generating sustainable income through hires, events, and fundraising. • Ensuring democratic governance, community-led planning, and financial independence. All actions are rooted in extensive local consultation and delivered by a skilled, locally rooted board.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The saving of lives: to be a Resilience Centre for 'The Community. Although Fintry village is only 50 minutes north of Glasgow we are an isolated rural community with no shops, post office, bus route, etc. Located in the Endrick River catchment area, we are prone to flooding and severe weather which is not just confined to the winter months. Fintry Community Council have drawn up a Resilience Plan with Stirling Council. Central to this plan is a designated 'Resilience Centre' for the community. This centre is to utilise the buildings that were previously the Church and its Session House. There are plans to hold first aid course, safety and defibrillator training, etc. throughout the year to ensure that our community is as well prepared as we can be in the event of adversity. The Trust will work with Fintry Community Council and its Resilience

team to:

- provide a safe haven for 'The Community' in the event of disaster.
- be a base for the Trossachs Search and Rescue teams when deployed into the Campsie Fells, Fintry Hills and Carron Reservoir areas.
- offer facilities such as an independent power source, kitchen, accommodation, toilets, first aid, defibrillator and other facilities in support of the Fintry Council Resilience Plan.
- Provide first aid courses, safety and defibrillator training, etc. to ensure that our community is as well prepared as we can be in the event of adversity.

The advancement of citizenship. The village and its surrounds is a rural and dispersed community. Only a handful of people commute out of the Parish. The reality of access in and out of the Parish, particularly over the winter months and with no public transport, is extremely difficult and sometimes impossible. All four roads out of the village (the B822 Fintry to Lennoxton, the B818 Fintry to Denny, the B822 Fintry to Kippen and the B818 Fintry to Killearn), are "low priority". This has resulted in parishioners choosing to work from home and run their businesses from there without having to leave the community. Isolation is a particular problem, not just for the extensive farming community. There are three registered SCIOs in the area (The Hall, The Sports Club and the Fintry Development Trust), all have specific purposes. There are also other non-SCIO organisations within the community (for instance The Hub, Courtyard Cafe and the Community Council). The Community Council envisage that our Trust will be a unifying entity that will facilitate integrated activity linking all the organisations within our community to advance community development and citizenship. An example could be a wedding ceremony held in the building that was the Church followed by a reception in the Village Hall. This overarching community and citizenship role would:

- prevent individuals from becoming socially excluded.
- assist people to live better, safer or more fulfilled lives by encouraging social inclusion and interaction.
- extending the activities of community organisations into new areas or to a wider range of beneficiaries.
- support networks that bring community organisations together and facilitating partnerships.
- provide space for Roman Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Humanists, etc who have all indicated they wish to use the building that was the Church, for their services and meetings. Previously, denominations and organisations that were not Church of Scotland were precluded from using these facilities.
- build on and maintain partnerships between community groups and organisations that contribute to local decision making.
- offer buildings or equipment which benefits the community through providing facilities, activities and services that help promote people's ability to participate in community life.

The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture. Our small Museum, based in the Sports Club, has insufficient space to store or display its artifacts. MAXIMUM TEXT REACHED - PLEASE CONTACT CHARITY FOR FULL PURPOSES

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Stirling
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-07-31	£0	£0	-	0
2025-07-31	£6,112	£60	-	0

Accounts

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FINTRY KIRK RESILIENCE AND
COMMUNITY TRUST HELD IN THE LESSER MENZIES HALL, FINTRY, ON
WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY 2025 AT 7.00 pm

WELCOME

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 7th May 2025, which had previously been circulated electronically, were approved by [REDACTED].

CONFIRMATION

[REDACTED] detailed the confirmation of Trustees at the EGM of 7th May 2025 with the following being elected:

[REDACTED] as Chairman, [REDACTED] Joint Secretary,
[REDACTED] Joint Secretary, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

Appointed Trustees - Fintry Session Elder [REDACTED] and Miss [REDACTED] of the Fintry Resilience Team.

Co-Opted Trustee - [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

These Trustees were unanimously agreed at the EGM on 7th May 2025.

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

The Fintry Kirk Resilience and Community Trust was officially established on 23rd July 2024 when given the OSCR Registration Number SC053526.

While securing charity status under the “Right to Buy” legislation

required significant effort, much has developed since that milestone.

Following the Presbytery Mission Plan - which now largely belongs to history - the Trustees have been working actively within the evolving landscape.

Over the past year, we have carried out a series of community consultations, leaflet distributions, and meetings to gather feedback and refine our strategic direction.

As a result, several key milestones have been achieved. I am pleased to provide an update of the significant progress we have made regarding the potential acquisition of the Kirk.

COMMUNITY “RIGHT TO BUY” LEGISLATION

After extensive effort and considerable form-filling, our application to register an interest in the Kirk was officially approved. As of the end of June 2025, the property was officially listed on the Register of Interest in Land.

SCOTTISH LAND FUND – STAGE 1 FUNDING SECURED

We have secured Stage 1 funding from the Scottish Land Fund to carry out a Valuation and Condition Report on the Kirk. These assessments were completed earlier this month.

The valuation provided by DM Hall is set at £20,000.

The Kirk is reported to be in good structural condition, though some maintenance and repairs - estimated at £18,000 - should be considered. Together, these findings support a strong case for negotiating a favourable purchase price.

BUSINESS PLAN

Our Business Plan, aimed primarily at the Scottish Land Fund (SLF), is now almost complete. This will be a vital instrument in securing funding for the purchase. Under the “Right to Buy” legislation, the General Trustees are obliged to engage with us in good faith.

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

An application/enquiry is in progress. Alongside the SLF submission, we are preparing a funding application to the Architectural Heritage Fund. These funds would either may close any gaps left by the SLF grant or address repairs or consultancy fees outlined in the Condition Report.

TITLE REGISTRATION – THE GRAVEYARD & SESSION HOUSE
Stirling Council has agreed to register their “Right to Title” to both the extensive graveyard and the Session House. We are currently awaiting confirmation that these titles have been officially entered into the Land Register of Scotland.

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER – THE SESSION HOUSE
Once the Session House registration is confirmed we will submit a formal Community Asset Transfer application to Stirling Council. All associated documentation has been prepared and is ready to go.

We are optimistic that these developments are paving the way towards securing the Kirk and Session House for community use.

FINANCE

Treasurer [REDACTED] presented a detailed report of the accounts to 31.5.25. The only payment made was a £60.00 fee to complete the legal requirement to register the Trustees.

RECEIPTS:

Donations	£	2,987.90
Gift Aid Donations	£	2,400.00
Fund Raising	£	725.00
Total Receipts	£	6,112.90

PAYMENTS:

	£	60.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£	6,052.90
Bank Balance at 31.5.25	£	6,052.90

A.O.C.B. There was none. A vote of Thanks was given to the Chairman.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING To be confirmed.

Signed

Date